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WHO FINDS WHITE PARTRIDGE-BERRIES?—So far as we know, or ever heard of, only Miss Kate Fisher Kurtz, of York, Penn., who sends us fresh plants. The berries are as white as those of *Chiogenes*, and form a fine contrast with the red ones. It was found in a single patch, in the midst of the ordinary form. The albinism affects even the corolla, the tip of which in bud lacks the purple or rose tinge of the ordinary buds.—A. GRAY.

SALIX BALSAMIFERA, BARRATT, = *S. CORDATA*, VAR. *BALSAMIFERA*, HOOK., AN OLDER NAME FOR *S. PYRIFOLIA*, ANDERS —It is an interesting fact, proven by a specimen preserved in the Herbarium of the Philadelphia Academy, that this Willow was collected "on the banks of the Ammonoosuck, White Hills, New Hampshire," by Mr. H. Little, as long ago as 1823! Occurring mainly between New Brunswick and Lake Winnipeg—a geographical representative of *S. pyrolæfolia* of a corresponding distribution in Eastern Siberia—it is remarkable that this species has been so rarely found within our northern boundary. Only two stations can be recorded, viz; the one above mentioned, which Mr. Pringle is confident will be rediscovered; the other near Flint, Michigan, where Dr. D. Clarke collected specimens a few years ago, but unfortunately the plants were destroyed soon after; the besom of agricultural improvement sweeping so clean that not a vestige, root or branch, was left. Doubtless other localities will be found, especially in the cold peat bogs of northern New England along the St. John, in northern Michigan, &c., and it appears desirable, therefore, that a species coming more and more into notice as an addition to our Flora of the Northern States, should receive without further delay its older and rightful name of *S. balsamifera*, Barratt. Conscious that the opinion of an amateur, a mere private in the ranks (and not of the "regular service" at that), must in itself carry little weight as opposed to the *ipse dixit* of a botanist of the commanding position and commanding ability of Prof. Andersson I may be pardoned, I hope, for strengthening my assertion by the following statement of facts.

In the Columbia College (Torrey) Herbarium there is luckily a fasciculus marked in the handwriting of Dr. Torrey, "Ex herb. Hooker. Willows from British America studied and named by Dr. Barratt before the publication of that portion of the Flora Boreali-Americana containing the *Salices*." The tickets are in the handwriting of Dr. Barratt. No. 53 of this collection comprises the following specimens, viz: mature leaves from "Cumberland House, *Drummond*"; fertile